

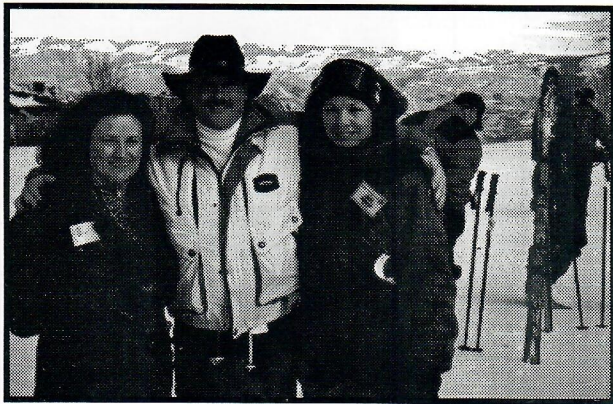
Snowmass II

by Jeri Wilson

With reports of 12 inches of new snow, 26 Space City skier's left Houston for Snowmass and the TSC Traditional. **Teresa Morris** flew from Harlingen and met us in Dallas where we were delayed by

late, but received a private lesson. **Don Derkson** said the ski lessons at Snowmass are excellent! Partiers **Lane Carter, Dianne Carter, Joe Walker, Bruce Lowther, Steve Barney, Jeri Wilson, Lori Gilliland, Ken Dinger, Barbara Geisecke** and **John Smith** attended Apre Ski at The Brothers Grille where pitchers of beer were passed around. Our table kept growing larger and larger as Snowmass I folks joined the happy crowd. The die-hard partiers, **Lane Carter, Diane Carter, Jeri Wilson, and Joe Walker**, joined Snowmass I partiers, **Karen Mozisek, D'Lain Braunig, and Steven Teoh**, and went to Shooters

bunny" as she speedily led everyone down "The Slot" at Sam's Knob. Tuesday evening brought the TSC Prom Night, and while there were many entries, Space City had it's own finalist in **Ermalina Torkay** (aka **Mitch Gaspard**), complete with blonde wig, pink dress, matching fuschia gloves, shoes, handbag and wrist corsage. Finalists were chosen by applause and **Ermalina** was one of the top 3 finalists! Not being chosen the winner did not discourage **Ermalina**; she was continuously on the dance floor and by far the best at jitterbug! Also seen on the dance floor were **Joe Walker, Charles Kulkarni, Lori Gilliland, Barbara Geisecke, James Mandell, Brenda Soileau, Ken Dinger, Bruce Lowther, Steve Barney** and **Jeri Wilson**. When the Macarena song was played even **Alex Bunsch** had to dance. Joining in and watching the fun were **Joe Kulpinsky, Don Derkson, John Smith, Neal** and **Leona Pleasant, Connie Smith,**



an hour to jack up the plane and change 2 tires. Our pilot was not to be outdone and had us in Eagle/Vail within 20 minutes of the original flight plan. The snow and the mountains were beautiful, and after a 1-hour bus ride we arrived at Wildwood Lodge, where a Welcome Reception was waiting. The Snowmass I folks were there to tell us how great the snow was. The TSC Welcome Party was in the Snowmass Conference Center offering free Moosehead Beer and information for the week's events. The next morning everyone was in his or her ski attire and ready for the complementary breakfast at the Village Steakhouse. **Neal** and **Leona Pleasant** were taking the day off; **Neal** had a "flu bug" but was getting excellent nursing care and would ski on Tuesday. The snow was great, but high winds kept the upper part of the mountain closed. **Lori Gilliland** and **Teresa Morris** took the Women's Ski Workshop, TC – **Jeri Wilson** arrived too

in Aspen for entertainment. Shooters had lots of good country music, **Lane** kept all the ladies dancing, and managed to win a few pool games too! **Lori Gilliland, Charles Kulkarni, Mitch Gaspard** and **Barbara Geisecke** dined at Hard Rock Café. **John Gay** and **Becky Reitz** were seen on the return bus to Snowmass—they enjoyed a marvelous evening at the Crystal Palace. Tuesday and everyone decided to stay at Snowmass since the upper mountain was open. **Jeri Wilson** went to Aspen Highlands and saw **Bruce Lowther** and **Steve Barney** on the bus, but on arrival they were not seen again. She was told some story about a delay due to computerized lockers! **Bruce** and **Steve** said the most "spectacular view ever" was from the deck on Cloud 9 Restaurant overlooking the Maroon Bells. **Jeri** returned to Snowmass at lunch and on the bus met **Brenda Soileau** returning from skiing at Buttermilk. **Jeri** met **Lane Carter, Steven Teoh**, and on the slopes caught up with **Mitch Gaspard, Lori Gilliland, and Charles Kulkarni**. **Lori** quickly earned the name of "speed



Teresa Morris, Diane McKenzie and **Sue DeWitt**. Wednesday, and more of the upper mountain was open at Snowmass, several folks tried out Elk Camp for some of the best skiing ever. The partiers were at The Cirque for Apre Ski to meet the Snowmass I and III folks and tell tales of the mountain. One of the tales was that **Lane Carter** had the ability to turn into a human pretzel during a double black wipe-out! That night everyone was Aspen bound for dinner and fun at Shooters. **Joe Walker, Mitch Gaspard, Barbara Geisecke, Jeri Wilson, and Ken Dinger** joined **Steven Teoh** and **Howard Schoenike** from Snowmass I at Little Annie's for dinner. The evening at Shooters was the 1st event for all 3 Space City trips and everyone enjoyed the free drink coupons, country dancing, and pool



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games. Thursday was race day and everyone was up early and ready to go, the buffet breakfast was great as usual – **Connie**



Smith and **Alex Bunsch** said Village Steakhouse was definitely “the best.” **Race Director, Mitch Gaspard**, had everyone in place to race 1st for Space City. **Diane McKenzie, Bruce Lowther, Steve Barney**, and **Darrell Way** each won a bronze. 1st time ever racer, **Lori Gilliland**, won an honorable mention blue, **Lane Carter** won a black and **Mitch Gaspard** won a green. After the races TSC served “White Mountain Bean Soup” for lunch at the Spider Sabich Ski Area. **Lori Gilliland** true to her “speed bunny” name was the leader as we followed her down Bull Run at Elk Camp. It was on one of these runs that TC- **Jeri Wilson** hit a rock and had a bad fall complete with “face plant” which caused a “sprained shoulder.” ATC - **Curt Frisby** from Snowmass III was her hero and led **Jeri** to the bottom of the mountain and to the Snowmass Clinic. That evening, **Joe Walker, Charles Kulkarni, Bruce Lowther**, and **Steve Barney**

had a party in their room attended by all 3 Snowmass trips – a great time was had by all. A fudge mountain, complete with skier on top in “face plant” position from Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory was presented as birthday cake to **Jeri Wilson**. Thanks to everyone - this is a birthday I’ll never forget! After the party, **Steven Teoh, Jeri**

Wilson, Karen Mozisek, Barbara Geisecke, Bruce Lowther, Steve Barney, Joe Walker, Brenda Soileau and **Mitch Gaspard** dined at the Mountain Dragon.

Steven made excellent menu selections, family style for all. **Teresa Morris, Charles Kulkarni, Ken Dinger, John Gay** and **Becky Reitz** rode by snowcat to the Lynn Britt Cabin for a chance to experience a delightful ride up the mountain and dinner. A highlight for **Charles** was to sit by the driver and watch the controls on the snowcat. Friday and folks head for Aspen, Aspen Highlands, Buttermilk or stay at Snowmass. **Joe Kulpinsky** and **Darrell Way** said the “best snow” was at Aspen Mountain. **Jeri Wilson,**

Barbara Geisecke, Karen Mozisek, Debbie Crofoot-Morley, and Bill Morley, went to Aspen for shopping, they met **Diane Carter** and ate lunch at the Red Onion. **John Smith** was spotted and pointed out T-Shirt bargains. TSC Awards evening was another fun filled evening of dinner, dancing and the race award announcements. Many photos were taken, and lift tickets bought and sold as folks changed their minds about skiing or shopping, and everyone said goodbye to the Snowmass I folks. Saturday, the last day, **Jeri Wilson, Barbara Geisecke, Joe Walker** and **Charles Kulkarni** went to Aspen and rode the gondola for lunch at the top. They met **Diane McKenzie, Sue DeWitt, Lane Carter**, and Snowmass III participants, **Barry Norman**, and **Bill Prater**, who had been skiing on Aspen Mountain. That evening plans were made to enjoy the Winterskol festivities and

enjoyed by **James Mandell, Sue DeWitt, Diane McKenzie, Ken Dinger, Barbara Geisecke, Barry Norman, Darrell Way, Steve Barney, Bruce Lowther, Jeri Wilson, Joe Walker, Lane Carter, Diane Carter**, and **Lori Gilliland**. **Jeri, Ken, Charles, Lane, Diane, Sue** and **Joe** linked arms and watched the fireworks as they lit up the mountainside – it was a beautiful site. **Jeri** and **Ken** returned to Snowmass, but the rest of the crew marched around town, arms still linked, watching the crowd, looking at the ice sculptures, and having many laughs. **Bruce, Lori, Barbara** and **Steve** wandered through Aspen as well, enjoying a last night of winter charm - a grand ending to a great trip! Special thanks to everyone for the care and concern expressed when I was injured, your help and support was most appreciated.



dinner in Aspen. **Mitch Gaspard, Brenda Soileau**, and **Teresa Morris** enjoyed dinner and entertainment at the Crystal Palace. Dinner at the Chart House was